

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0035] with the following paragraph:

[0035] A plurality of backwash air supply holes, through which the backwash air passes, may be formed in a member within the housing. For example, the air supply holes may be formed in the filter media fixing plate in a hexagonal arrangement, or may be formed in the upper portion of the backwash air supply pipeline within the main body.

Please replace paragraph [0044] with the following paragraph:

[0044] Referring to FIGS. 1 through 11, a filtering apparatus 100 according to an embodiment of the present invention includes a main body 1 which is a main pathway of supplied water (filtered source water and/or backwash source water) and encloses flexible fibers 6 extending in the longitudinal direction of the filtering apparatus. A supplied water guide jacket 7 supplies the supplied water into the side of the lower portion of the main body 1 and a filter media fixing plate 12 installed at the lower end of the supplied water guide jacket 7 has a plurality of fixing holes 15 fixing lower ends of the flexible fiber filter media 6. A density control plate 9 having an annular or doughnut shape is interposed between the supplied water guide jacket 7 and the filter media fixing plate 12. This annular device (or annular plate) and prevents the supplied water from flowing to the filter media fixing plate 12 by increasing the water pressure in a hollow portion of the flexible fibers 6 fixed to the filter media fixing plate 12. A porous chamber 10 extends downward from the top of the main body 1 inside the main body, increases a density of an upper layer of the filter media 6, and has a plurality of treated water supply

holes 11 so as to bring in water treated (clarified) by the filter media 6 and discharge the water outside of the main body. A concentrated filtrate discharge jacket 16 covers a portion of the top of the main body 1 and discharges a concentrated filtrate, after being backwashed, outside of the main body 1. A lower attached structure 13 supports the filter media fixing plate 12 from below and has a backwash air supply pipeline for supplying backwash air during backwashing.

Please replace paragraph [0047] with the following paragraph:

[0047] Upper ends of the flexible fibers 6 are not fixed in place. A plurality of supplied water passing holes 8, form openings in the outer wall of the main body 1 where the supplied water guide jacket 7 contacts the main body 1, as shown in FIGS. 2 and 9. Further, as shown in Figs. 2 and 9, the holes 8 form an array of openings disposed in a circumferential band. The concentrated filtrate discharge jacket 16 disposed on the upper end of the main body 1 is cylindrical and discharges the concentrated filtrate, which is discharged during backwashing, outside of the main body while overflowing. The porous chamber 10 has 10 to 50% of the volume of the main body 1, as shown in FIG. 2.